GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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RESEARCH ON CASSAVA PLANT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated or coordinated any research on the Cassava Plant for its use as a drug against cancer;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has undertaken a study to test the extracts of Cassava Plant for anti-cancer activities. The study is a part of CSIR projects on bioactive and traditional preparations from national sources.